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CHAPTER III--BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINE
PART 352--TREATMENT OF RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS TEMPORARILY IN THE UNITED STATES

SHIPMENT OF MEXICAN ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT IN BOND THROUGH THE UNITED STATES

To prevent the entry into the United States of an injurious insect known as the Mexican fruitfly (Anastrepha ludens Loew), the importation from Mexico of citrus fruit, except lemons and sour limes, for consumption in the United States is not authorized under Quarantine No. 56 (§ 319.56), its governing quarantine, unless so treated as to eliminate pest risk.

However, in accordance with the Order Safeguarding Plants and Plant Products (§ 352.1) and Supplementary Regulations (§§ 352.2 to 352.8), which provide for the entry of prohibited commodities for immediate transportation and exportation in bond or for immediate export when such movement can be made without risk to the plant cultures of the United States, it is ordered that Mexican oranges and grapefruit may enter for either of these purposes as follows:

§ 352.9. Administrative instructions; oranges and grapefruit from Mexico in transit to foreign countries via the United States. (a) Entry via ports on the Mexican border. (1) Permits: Permits shall be procured in advance of shipments from the Division of Foreign Plant Quarantines, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, 209 River Street, Hoboken, N. J., by the forwarding agent or other representative of the consignee or consignor in the United States. Application for permits shall indicate the proposed routing of the shipment.

Separate permits shall be procured for each port of entry and for each country of destination, but permits as issued will be continuing for shipments over the approved routes designated therein.

(2) Origin of oranges and grapefruit: Oranges may enter at approved ports from any state in Mexico. Entry of grapefruit is limited to that produced in and shipped from the State of Sonora.

(3) Authorized ports of entry: Oranges may enter at Nogales and Naco, Ariz., El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Laredo, Tex.; grapefruit may enter only from Sonora at Nogales and Naco, Ariz.

(4) Period of entry: The entry of oranges and grapefruit from Sonora is authorized throughout the entire year. Oranges originating in other Mexican States may enter from October 1 to March 15, inclusive.

(5) Notice of arrival: Prior to entry, a notice of arrival, in duplicate, shall be submitted to the collector of customs at the port of entry, on a form provided for that purpose giving the initials and number of the railroad car and the authorized routing together with other information called for by the form.

(6) Containers: Transportation and exportation entry of oranges and grapefruit from any point in Mexico is contingent upon the fruit being packed in containers of the approximate size customarily used by the trade for marketing such fruit in the United States.

(7) Inspection: Each shipment shall be subject to inspection at the port of entry to determine the nature of the contents.

(8) Disinfection: Each car shall be subject to such disinfection at the port of entry as the plant quarantine inspector shall require.

(9) Type of car to be used in transportation and exportation of oranges and grapefruit: Refrigerator cars of United States or Canadian ownership only shall be used for transportation and exportation to Canada of oranges and grapefruit from Mexico.

All refrigerator cars transporting oranges from States in Mexico other than Sonora shall be iced prior to crossing at El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Laredo, Tex., and shall be re-iced if necessary south of Little Rock, Ark., or a line drawn east and west therefrom. North of this line no further icing is required. Icing, insofar as pest risk is concerned, may be omitted if all openings leading from the car to the ice bunkers are covered with a 14-mesh fly screen in a manner satisfactory to the inspector of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine--such cars to move through the States with all doors closed and sealed.

(10) Authorized bonded rail movement: All shipments shall move in refrigerator cars of United States or Canadian ownership by direct, authorized rail routing in bond under customs seal without diversion from the port of entry to the port of exit as follows:

Fruit entered at Nogales or Naco, Ariz., is limited to direct eastward rail routing to El Paso, Tex., after which it and all other approved fruit shall pass through the territory bound on the west by a line drawn from El Paso, Tex., to Salt Lake City, Utah, and Portland, Oreg., and on the east by a line drawn from Laredo through San Antonio, Tex., to St. Louis, Mo., and a line drawn due east therefrom. Movement for return to Mexico is limited to direct eastward rail routing for export through border ports between and including Nogales and El Paso.

(11) Cleaning of cars prior to return to the United States: Cars conveying Mexican citrus fruit through the United States to Canada shall be carefully swept and freed of all fruit, as well as boxes and other rubbish, by the railroad company involved prior to reentry into the United States.

(b) Entry via North Atlantic ports: (1) Provisions made applicable: The provisions of paragraph (a) (1) Permits, (5) Notice of arrival, (7) Inspection, and (11) Cleaning of cars prior to return to the United States shall apply to oranges and grapefruit transported from Mexico to foreign countries via North Atlantic ports.

(2) Origin of oranges and grapefruit: Oranges and grapefruit from any State in Mexico may move by the authorized routing indicated in paragraph (b) (5) of this section.

(3) Authorized ports of entry: New York and Boston and such other northern ports as may later be approved.

(4) Period of entry: Entry of oranges and grapefruit originating in the State of Sonora is authorized throughout the year but limited to the period October 1 to March 15, inclusive, from all other states.

(5) Authorized routing: All shipments shall move by water direct to New York or Boston or to such other northern ports as may later be approved for immediate direct export or for immediate transportation and exportation in bond by direct approved rail route to Canada.

These administrative instructions shall be effective on and after October 19, 1943.

(Sec. 5, 37 Stat. 316; 7 U.S.C. 159; 7 CFR §§ 352.1 to 352.8.)

Done at Washington, D. C., this 8th day of October 1943.

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